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1. The total production of the Kugellagerfabrik Böhlitz-Ehrenberg in February 1943 was around 342,000 bearings of all types, 54,000 of which were rocker bearings for the Soviet Union. About 25,000 bearings, mainly heavy kinds, were delivered to China. These included the following types: WJB 100-240, WJB 140-260, WUB 120-240, WUJ 120-240, Ke 340-500, Ke 300-450, NWE 180, NWE 200, NUL 80, NUN 90, NJM 35, NUPN 180, NUPS 120. About 3,000 were ball bearings of the numbered series.
2. Deliveries to Poland in February were about 80,000 pieces, mainly thrust, spherical and ball bearings. About 12,000 were ball bearings. Most of the bearings manufactured for Poland are shipped to Polish Baltic ports. It is assumed that they are used in the shipbuilding industry.
3. Delivery promises to national VEB plants were kept in February because the planned arrangement with Czechoslovakia, providing for the delivery of 200,000 bearings in the first quarter of 1954, fell through. Czechoslovakia advanced as reasons for not closing the agreement that the bearings delivered in 1953 did not meet specifications, and that delayed deliveries caused interruptions of production. An agreement was closed in March, however, calling for the delivery of ball bearings worth 1.3 million marks, but Czechoslovakia makes the condition that foreign steel must be used. Deliveries will begin at the end of March.
4. Deliveries were made to the following Soviet plants in February: Elektromotorenwerk Wernigerode-Marz; Schumann & Co., Apparatebau, Leipzig; Bleichert Transportanlagenfabrik, Leipzig; "Georgi Dimitroff," Magdeburg; "Karl Marx," Magdeburg.

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Distribution was handled by the Deutsche Handelszentrale, so a breakdown of figures cannot be given.

5. Poland is delivering Swedish steel. Its distribution is undertaken by the Bureau of Inland and Foreign Trade in Berlin.
6. The BHP Böhler-Ehrenberg has to provide 42 young workmen, politically unobjectionable ("einwandfrei") for the Volkspolizei. Recruiting has commenced.

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